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A Visual of the Terwilliger Fire

WHAT: Forest Service staff on the Willamette National Forest will be available to give a visual tour of the current state of Forest Service Road 19 and the Terwilliger Hot Springs Trailhead to interested media outlets. Drone use is permitted. This will be a good opportunity to capture visuals of Forest Service Road 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs trailhead and some of the hazards present in the area.

WHO: Media outlets will have the opportunity to speak with the McKenzie River District Ranger and with members of his team.

WHERE: Attendees will meet at the Bruckart Boat Launch. Directions: Follow OR-126 E to Cougar Dam Rd./NF-19. Turn right onto Cougar Dam Rd/NF-19. We will have a safety briefing at this location, and hard hats will be provided.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Confirmation of attendance is encouraged for planning purposes and capacity. Please confirm participation by Tuesday, Nov. 13. Contact Chiara Cipriano through email at ccipriano@fs.fed.us or phone at 541-731-4427 if you plan to attend.

WHY: This past summer's Terwilliger Fire burned 11,555 acres and closed off many trails including access to the popular Terwilliger (Cougar) Hot Springs. We are asking the media for assistance with communicating the importance of public safety until we are able to reopen Terwilliger (Cougar) Hot Springs to recreationists. Many other roads and trails remain closed due to the burn severity of the area and resulting hazard trees and rock slides.

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